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1. FORMER PM BHUTTO WAS REMANDED TO POLICE CUSTODY IN LAHORE
SEPTEMBER 3 AFTER HIS EARLY MORNING ARREST IN KARACHI. (REFTELS
A AND B). PAKISTAN'S PRESS SEPTEMBER 4 HAS BEGUN TO CARRY
DETAILS OF BHUTTO'S ARREST IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF
NAWAB AHMAED KASURI, FATHER OF AHMED RAZA KASURI, A FORMER
MNA AND BHUTTO SUPPORTER. BHUTTO WAS TAKEN TO LAHORE ON A
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SPECIAL AIRPLANE AFTER HIS ARREST.

2. IN A SECOND LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE FORMER PM, THE
LAHORE HIGH COURT HAS ISSUED A CONTEMPT NOTICE TO BHUTTO
IN CONNECTION WITH THE ARRESTS AND ALLEGED ILLEGAL DETEN-
TION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AT DALAI CAMP. THE NOTICES
REQUIRE BHUTTO, FORMER FEDERAL SECURITY FORCE (FSF)

CHIEF MASOOD MAHMUD, AND FORMER PUNJAB CHIEF MINISTER QUERSHI TO APPEAR IN COURT SEPTEMBER 13. THE FORMER FSF CHIEF HAS TURNED STATES EVIDENCE AGAINST BHUTTO, HAS IMPLICATED HIM IN ALL ALLEGED CRIMES PERPETUATED BY THE FSF, AND HAS REITERATED THAT HE HOLDS NOTES AND TAPE RECORDING WHICH PROVE BHUTTO'S GUILT. THE BODY OF EVIDENCE WHICH SUBSTANTIATES MANY OF THE CHARGES AGAINST THE FORMER PM CONSEQUENTLY CONTINUES TO GROW.

3. IN THE AFTERMATH OF BHUTTO'S ARREST THE COUNTRY REMAINS QUIET AND WE HAVE NO REPORTS OF PRO-BHUTTO AGITATION. AS THE TIME FOR STARTING ELECTIONEERING DRAWS CLOSER (SEPT. 17), ALL THE PLAYERS MUST NOW REASSESS THEIR STRATEGY AND TIMING. WE WILL BE SENDING OUR THOUGHTS ON THE VARIOUS OPTIONS LATER IN THE WEEK.
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